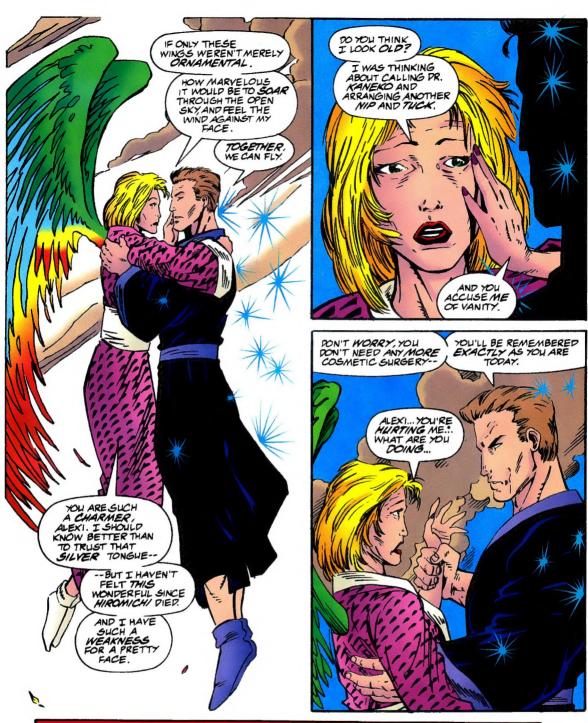




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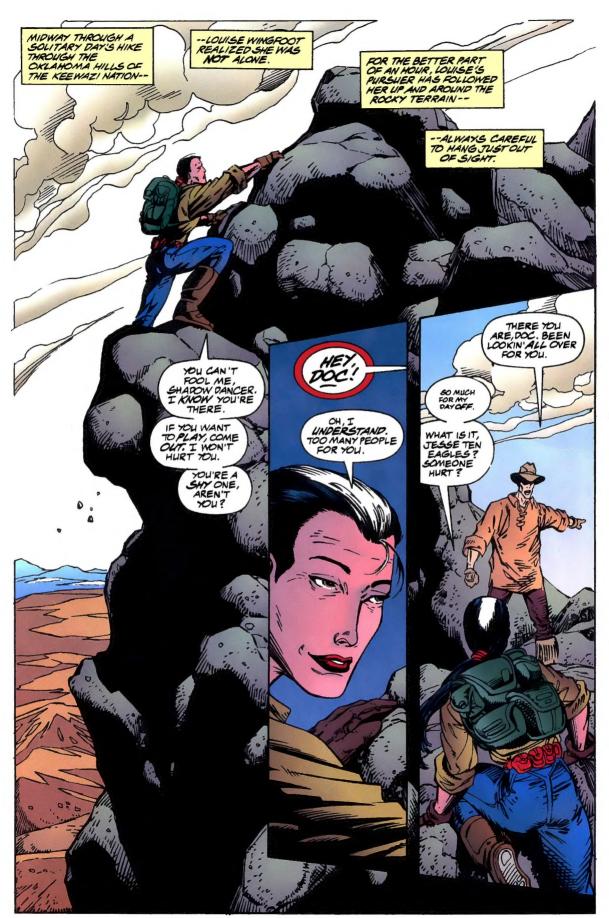






























WE'VE BEEN ON THE ROAD A LONG TIME. WE NEED A PLACE TO STAY. SHPPLIES. THE USUAL,

IF IT CAUSES TROUBLE FOR YOU, WE'LL MOVE ON. DON'T BE SILLY, TISHA. STAY AS LONG AS YOU NEED.

YOU AND YOUR
FRIENDS ARE ALWAYS
WELCOME IN THE
KEEWAZI NATION.

























# ProFile: LARRY MAHLSTEDT

A 14-year comics veteran, Larry Mahistedt has landed the plum assignment of inking THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN beginning this month. Larry started out at DC in 1980, winning acclaim for his work on Legion of Super-Heroes. He made the jump to Marvel a few years ago, inking NEW WARRIORS, first over Mark Bagley, then over Darick Robertson. Now Larry has taken on new power and responsibility, as he follows Mark Bagley into Spidey's web!

Where and when were you born? In Babylon, Long Island, in 1956. How did you learn how to draw?

I was totally self-taught, but one year out of high school, in 1974, I attended the John Buscerna comic book workshop in New York. I was one of the thirty students in his first class. He didn't show me how to ink, but he taught me the tools and the techniques of comics.

How did you like John as a teacher?

He's a great guy. He's very easy-going. It was his first attempt at teaching, and he did pretty well. He showed us how to draw figures, how to lay down muscle, the dynamics of drawing and perspective, the effective use of black, etc.

Who are some of your artistic influences?

As far as inking, guys like Klaus Janson, Terry Austin, Joe Rubinstein, Dick Giordano ... I look at anybody's stuff and see if there's something in there I

This must be an exciting time to be working on AMAZING SPIDER-MANI

It's going to be awful interesting. There is the potential for a major shake-up. I couldn't have come on the book at a better time, what with the animated series, the big issue #400 coming up, the action figures, the live action movie whenever ..

Do you have a favorite Spider-Man villain?
I always thought the Shocker was kind of cool — there's something about the padded insulation in his costume. Then there's the Scorpion ... and, of course, the Hobgoblin!

What character at Marvel do you want to work on that you haven't? I want to do Deathlok in the worst way! I hear Darick Robertson is working on a Spider-Man/Deathlok Limited Series — hopefully I'll get to work on

Who was your favorite Beatle or Monkee?

My favorite Monkee was Mike Nesmith. He was cool — he had a wry sense of humor. And, of course, the wool hat!

Did you ever wish you had a clone, like Spidey does? Yeah - many times! I'd put him to work inking

Do you have any hobbies?

I like to read — I'm big on mystery and horror. I like Robert Parker's Spenser stuff. For horror, I like Robert McCammon. Also, I collect superhero action figures. I have over 100! I'm really looking forward to the new line of Spidey figures — they have some characters I was hoping for, like the Vulture and a new Doc Ock, since the old Doc Ock looked like a wimp!

# HYPE BOX

This month, the Fantastic Four premiere (along with iron Man) in an all-new animated series called the Marvel Action Hour. To commemorate the event, we're launching two all-new comic books based on the TV series - one adapting Fantastic Four stories from the new show, one



adapting Iron Man stories.

According to editor **Tom Daning**, MARVEL ACTION HOUR: THE FANTASTIC FOUR will take stories straight from the TV show, with the major difference being "we will make it look as much like a Marvel Universe comic as possible." Accomplishing this transition from TV to comics is writer Joey

Cavalieri and artist Quique Alcatena.

The stories in the new FF TV show will be based on "all the great old Lee/Kirby stories," Tom said. The first issue starts off with the team's origin - "but with a special twist!" Among the heroes and villains who'll be popping up are the Silver Surfer, the Sub-Mariner, and Galactus!

If you want to learn more about the Iron Man segment of Marvel Action Hour, as well as his upcoming toy line, and the "Hands of the Mandarin" crossover, take a look at IRON MAN AND FORCE WORKS COLLECTORS' PREVIEW #1, including the armors even Tony wouldn't build, a chance to win great prizes, and tips on how to become a hot Marvel artist. As a bonus, Tom Morgan's specially-commissioned wraparound cover has hot neon special effects.

NOW ON SALE

ALICE COOPER: THE LAST TEMPTATION #3 OF 3: Don't resist the temptation! By Gaiman/

ALADDIN #2: An evil ankh ages Aladdin! By Slott/Riguard/Albrecht!

AVENGERS #380: If Hera is here

- today ... will Hercules be gone tomorrow? By Harras/Johnson/
- AVENGERS DOUBLE FEATURE #2: Same comic as above, plus GIANT-MANI
- BEAVIS & BUTT-HEAD #9: Get ready for America's Suckiest Home
- Videos! By Maxton-Graham/Parker! CLAN DESTINE #2: The family that kicks butt together, stays together! By Davis/Farmer!
- CONAN THE ADVENTURER #6:
  Meet Dagor, the Master of the
  Dagger! By Thomas/Kayanan!
  DOCTOR WHO: CLASSIC COMICS #25: Sorry - no Daleks
- in this issue! DOOM 2099 #23: Tyger Wylde is back! By Moore/Broderick/Nyberg!

- **EXCALIBUR #83: Gravemoss** gathers around the possessed Night-
- crawler! By Ellis/Dodson/Cariani!
  GHOST RIDER 2099 #7: It's Ghost Rider vs. Spider-Man – By Kaminski/Hotz! 2099 style!
- G.I. JOE #154: Hey! Who let all those Cobra agents on this airplane? By Quinones/Stiner/
- INCREDIBLE HULK #423: He hasn't got a snowball's chance against Hela! By David/Frank/
- IRON MAN/FORCE WORKS COLLECTORS' PREVIEW: Armorific infol
- JUSTICE: FOUR BALANCE #3 OF 4: Against a super-villain assembly line! By Nicieza/Brasfield/Turner! MARVEL ACTION HOUR: FAN-TASTIC FOUR #1: The TV origin of
- the FF! By Cavalieri/Alcatenal MARVEL ACTION HOUR: IRON MAN #1: The Mandarin is hungry for a Russian sub! By Fein/

- Williams/Nyberg!
  MARVEL SUPER-HEROES
- MEGAZINE #2: All-new cover by
- MARVEL TALES #291: Spidev mops up the floor with the Absorb-ing Man! By DeFalco/Frenz/Layton!
- MORBIUS #27: Morbius has quit drinking — blood, that is! By Trusiani/Gilmore!
- NOVA #11: It's fantastic fun with Nova, Thing, and Ant-Man vs. Dr. Doom's robots! By Marrinan/
- PUNISHER #96: A down-and-out singer turns vigilante! It's #1 with a bullet! By Rainey/Del Rivero!
- ROCKO'S MODERN LIFE #6: Newlywed parasites honeymoon on Spunky! By Lewandowski/Auck/
- SARRETOOTH CLASSICS #7: Sabretooth wants to massacre some Morlocks! By L. Simonson/
- SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN #227: Conan sits on Kull's throne!

- Plus Red Sonja! By Thomas/
- SPIDER-MAN #52: The Spider-Clone wants vengeance on Venom!

  By Mackie/Lyle/Hannal
- SPIDER-MAN MAGAZINE #8: Classic Spidey sagas of the past!
- WARLOCK & THE INFINITY
- WATCH #34: Count Abyss is down
   but not out! By Arcudi/Olliffe!

  WHAT IF #67: Nazis have taken
  over the world! Captain America to the rescue! By Dixon/Carrasco Jr. Dzon!
- WOLVERINE: EVILUTION: Wolvie terrorizes a cult of terrorists! By Nocenti/Texeira!
- X-MEN #38: Gambit and Sabretooth have a score to settle! By
- Nicieza/Kubert/Ryan!

  X-MEN 2099 #14: Loki, the God of future mischief, returns! By Moore/
- X-MEN TPB: THE DARK PHOENIX SAGA: It's back from the ashes! By Claremont/Byrne/Austin!

SATANA RETURNS TO BOTHER H SILVER SURFER VS. THE CHAMP







Lia Pelosi

Assistant Editor

All letters to be considered for publication must include your name and address, though we will withhold that information upon request. Mail correspondence to:

Are You X-perienced, c/o Marvel Comics, 387 Park Ave. South, New York, NY 10016.

- Out Of My Head THINGS TO DO TODAY 1) Get the printer to alter embossed cover of SPIDEY 2099 #25 so it looks like the guy's got
- more muscle!
  2) Speaking of muscle, pick logo for HULK 2089 #1.
- 3) Put off fan letter to Lies Loeb so I can consult with Pet Broderick on finishing touches to Doom's nev ermor. Uh-oh. Was that a secret?
- 4) Speaking of secrets, try and keep the revelations in SPIDEY 2088 #25 off the computer on the services before the book hits the
- 5) Either get the letter "E" fixed on this computer keyboard or junk it. In a fit of anger, I tried a Jimi-et-Monterey stunt with it, and it hasn't worked right since. It would have to be the most common letter that's busted.
  - 6) Give up caffeine, Again.

Dear Are You Experienced.

Just read issue #11. (Put Luna on the team.) It was awesome! (Put Luna on the team.] Up to this point, I was only buying it because it was an X-title. (Put Luna on the team.) While it was always good, it was never on top of my list. (Put Luna on the team.) Well, this issue changed that. (Put Luna on the team.) You are now #1! (Put Luna on the team.) No suggestions for now, just a letter expressing my thanks for a well-put together comic. (She's awesome!)

Terry D. Sala (Address withheld by request)

We're getting a subliminal message from Terry...he wants...to see more...Cerebra! Who says this isn't the Marvel Age of Mental Telepathy?

Dear X-Guys,

What a great book! Ron's art is (as always) outstanding and John's writing puts us on a real rollercoaster ride (without the motion sickness, of course). I just read issue #11 and I'm in a total tailspin. I can't wait to see what happens next! You guys are really doing a wonderful job.

I'm sure you're all blushing, so I'll dispense with the compliments and ask a few questions. Will Xi'an ever return to the peaceful man he was before his battle with Zhao? Will he return to again lead the X-Men or will Shakti be left to try and hold the team together? If so, will she be able to gather more mutants to the cause? Last, how the heck do you pronounce Xi'an Chi Xan?

Chris Woodside 5888 Buckeye Ln. Apt. 5C Mentor-on-the-lake, 0H 44060

Xi'an's trials and tribulations will be a major part of our stories this year, as it falls to Tim to lead the current team. And it's pronounced Zl'ann Chee Zan.

Dear Joey, Lia & Co., RE: X-MEN 2099 #11.

The Skullfire/Lunatica relationship is developing into one of the better storylines of the year. It has everything: passion, pain, excitement and a highly appreciated mystery. Hike how John gives us just enough to whet our proverbial appetites for what's next. Case in point: Skullfire's mask, which has been on just about every cover since issue #1, but didn't actually debut in the book until issue #11. Examining the corner box, I'm looking forward to seeing the origin of that desert gear get-up worn by Xi'an (I assume that's him because there's no

My fevorite thing about X-MEN 2099 is that Xi'an isn't perfect and doesn't apologize for it. Professor X always has all of the answers and was never (until recently) questioned by his students. Xi'an is much easier to relate to. "A little man with a big gun. What a tired cliche." What a line! Now if only I could figure out how to pronounce Xi'an's name...

one else left) and how Metalhead gets

cured. I'll start watching for them around

issue #22 and #23 respectively.

Harry Simon [Address withheld by request]

You may not have to wait so long to get the answers, Harry. Heck, we just answered one last letter!

Dear X-perienced X-perts,

Congratulations on such an awesome title. You people really have planned out this book. Please don't stop making such heart-stopping issues. Heck, I almost had a heart attack from reading X-MEN 2099 #11. Just one thing-make Tim shave. That skull mask looks really stupid with facial hair on it.

Please get the team back together. If Tim becomes a villain, I might be forced to quit buying the comic. Make sure that Tim hooks up with Luna. She's awesome!

How about making Junkpile join the X-Men again? That'd make the comic even better with fights between teammates.

Since the Driver sticks mutant's chromosonal patterns and genetic imprints into a computer, does that mean the original X-Men could be in there?

Why don't you make more 2099 annuals? I would really love to see other artist's renditions of the X-Men in their own annual.

Well, I can feel my heart thumping, so until Tim Fitzgerald starts doing Duracell commercials, make mine Marvel.

Nick Haney (Address withheld by request) The Driver's computer was destroyed in issue #12, so we hope the old guys weren't in there! As for your request for an annual, we're open on the topic, Nick. Anyone else care to vote?

Dear Experienced People,

Listen, yo, X-MEN 2099 has got it goin' on! Word up! There's nothin' like it, you know what I'm sayin'. I gotta give ya much respect. Anyways, I just read issue #11 and I'm really upset that they all broke up and stuff. Why is Xi'an actin' the way he is? Wussup with that, yo? Why he leave 'em there to strive on their own? He think he so big and all, well I take him on right now but I ain't gettin' near that ugly left hand of his. I like the way Tim looks with that darin' face. Whos, he send shivers up my baggy jeans anytime!

Well, until rap is on top of X-MEN 2099 on my list and Junkpile invites me over for a nice game of chess, make mine Marvel 2099!

Tanbeer Bhuiyan (Address withheld by request)

### Uh... groovy?

Dear X-Perts of 2099.

X-MEN 2099 has been turning out great! Ever since issue #1 I knew it was going to be a series to enjoy. Issue #11 was x-cellent! I can't wait to see more of the Driver. You should have another 2099 crossover. I loved the Fall of the Hammer. Also, you should make an X-MEN 2099 ANNUAL. It'd be a great money maker. Isn't the HULK 2099 #1 coming out soon? One last thing: in issue #11 someone suggested Luna join the team. Great ideal

Ray Archaki 768 Prospect St. Wethersfield, CT 06109

### HULK 2099 #1 premieres next month! Howzat for soon?

Dear 2099ers,

I've been reading X-MEN 2099 since issue #1 and I think this comic is awesome! My favorites are Krystalin, Meanstreak and Skullfire. I thought Tim was a wimp at first, until Luna came along and scrambled his brains. He's really cool as a crazy guy.

Misty Emerson (Address withheld by request)

At least Tim has an alibi for his scrambled brains...what's our excuse?

# NEXT ISSUE

More of Glitterspike, Mama Hurricane, the Freakshow, the Chosen, and a new villain, plus some other stuff we might wanna throw in if there's enough room.



